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Lee Lumberyard Fire Electrical

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Lee Fire Chief Alan B. Sparks said their joint investigation into the January 3 fire at Dresser-Hull Lumber Company on Railroad Street was electrical. Investigators have determined the fire started inside the warehouse where materials and several delivery trucks were stored. The point of origin for the fire was an engine block heater installed in the engine of a 2006 Sterling LB 9500 delivery truck.

The fire was jointly investigated by members of the Lee Fire Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. There were no civilian or firefighter casualties in the fire, but damage is estimated between \$1.5 and \$2 million.

Lee Fire Chief Sparks said, "This was a significant fire with a lot of combustible materials that firefighters were able to prevent from spreading to the buildings in downtown Lee. I am grateful to the mutual aid system we have here in Berkshire County where our neighbors quickly responded and helped expand our resources." Firefighters responded from Lenox, Lenoxdale, Stockbridge, Great Barrington as well as officers from Pittsfield, Lanesboro and the South County Coordinator.

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